

REMARKS

The Patent Examiner has required a restriction to one of the following two (2) inventions:

Group I. Claims 1 to 10, drawn to a device, classified in class 29, subclass 715; and

Group II. Claims 11 to 14, drawn to a method, classified in class 29, subclass 890.

The Applicant respectfully selects with traverse the invention of Group II, as set forth in claims 11 to 14 for further prosecution.

It is believed that the present invention is directed to a unitary inventive concept, namely, a device and method for pressing a bearing jacket onto a monolith. It is believed that any search for the Group embodied in claims 1 to 10 would necessarily include a search for the Group embodied in claims 11 to 14. Thus, a simultaneous search for all of the groups is believed not to constitute an unreasonable search for the Patent Examiner. In addition, it is believed that the objectives of streamlined examination and compact prosecution would be promoted if a search were conducted simultaneously for all of the groups. Also, the

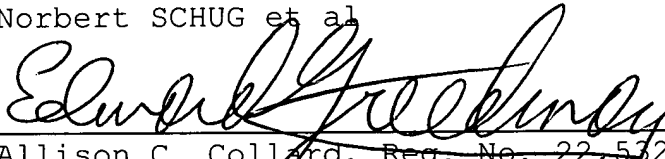
necessity of filing multiple patent applications for the same invention does not serve to promote the public interest. This is because of the extra expense that is involved, in filing fees and examination costs, as well as the burden upon the public due to the necessity of searching through a multiplicity of patent files in order to find the complete range of subject matter claimed in several different patents that could otherwise be found in one issued patent only.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional patent application for the non-selected invention..

For all these reasons, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 be withdrawn and that an action on the merits of all the claims be rendered.

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